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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/542,908	Applicant(s) YASUDA ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6,8,11-13 and 21-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6,8,11-13 and 21-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The request filed 13 December 2004 for a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 based on parent Application 09/542,908 is acceptable and an RCE has been established. An Action on the RCE follows. Claims 6, 8, 11-13 and 21-23 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 6, 8, 11-13 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Barlow et al US Patent 6,038,551 (hereinafter Barlow).

4. As per claims 6, 8 and 11 Barlow teaches a process of user authentication in a client communication, comprising:

executing, in the client computing apparatus, a web browser that processes a protected web page received from network [column 16, lines 6-15];

storing on an integrated circuit card a certificate to access the protected web page received in the client computing apparatus and characteristic identifying information of a user associated with the received protected web page (i.e., store in the IC card personal pass code and certificate to access applications) [column 8, lines 23-37 and column 15, line 63 – column 16, line 5];

reading by an integrated circuit card reader the integrated circuit, in response to the receipt of the protected web page by the web browser of the client computing apparatus [column 7, line 51 – column 8, line 9, and column 16, lines 8-15];

comparing identifying information input by the user with the characteristic identifying information of the user stored in the integrated circuit card [column 15, lines 63-column 16, lines 5];

in response to the comparing, providing the certificate stored on the integrated circuit card to the web browser of the client computing apparatus to access the received web page [column lines 2-20].

5. As per claims 12 and 21, Barlow teaches the system as applied above. Furthermore, Barlow teaches displaying on the display unit selectable names of protected applications as protected web pages, if a result of the comparing of the user identifying information is matching, and the providing of the stored certificate comprises providing one of a plurality of certificates stored on the integrated circuit card and corresponding to a selected one of the protected applications by the user to the web browser to access the selected protected applications [column 13, lines 20-29, 55-67 and column 14, lines 1-20, figures 4 and 5].

6. As per claims 13, 22 and 23, Barlow teaches the system as applied above. Furthermore, Barlow teaches the integrated circuit card stores information about the protected application and selectable names of the protected applications are provided to be displayed on the display unit, if the result of the comparing of the user identifying information is matching [figures 4 and 5].

Response to Arguments

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7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 6, 8, 11-13 and 21-23 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

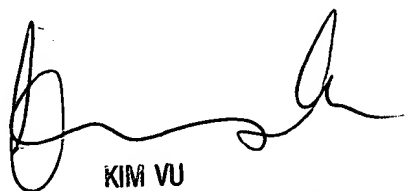
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Beemnet W Dada whose telephone number is (571) 272-3847. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:30 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Y Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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